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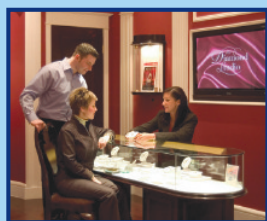
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Homelessness ballot question voted down

ELECTION A homelessness strategy will not be a ballot question in the upcoming municipal election.

In a 12-10 vote, city council yesterday voted not to hold a referendum on a \$5-million housing-first homelessness strategy when municipal voters head to the polls on Oct. 25.

Alta Vista Coun. Peter Hume had proposed the motion with the hope that it would at least stimulate public debate.

Hume said the current approach to dealing with homelessness is not working and it's time for the city to adopt a new strategy.

Gloucester-South Nepean Coun. Steve Desroches voted against the ballot question over concern it would open a "Pandora's box" that would lead to dozens of questions clogging the ballot.

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Ottawa Senator Erik Karlsson scores a goal on Pittsburgh Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury during the second period of Game 1 in Pittsburgh yesterday. The Senators won the first-round playoff matchup 5-4. Story, page 16.

Council wages frozen

But motion panned as hollow even by supporters

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City councillors will freeze their own salaries for two years, but stopped short of freezing salaries for non-unionized workers.

Senior management staff will also not receive a performance bonus in 2011.

The motion to freeze wages was described as "hollow" and "symbolic," even by proponents.

Despite supporting councillor and performance bonus freezes, Barrhaven Coun. Jan Harder said people should not expect this motion to save the city any money this year or the next year. It will have to be voted upon again by council after

"This is not leadership. It's downwardship. It's a look-good-in-the-next-election motion."

Coun. Clive Doucet

the election.

College Ward Coun. Rick Chiarelli said that at least it lays the groundwork for collective bargaining with the unions and funding discussions with senior levels of government.

"If the federal (and provincial) governments are doing it to its politicians, its senior management and its staff, do you really think there is something special about us?" said Chiarelli. "We need to go with clean hands when we sit down with our funding partners like the federal government

and provincial government to seek their assistance for some of our priorities."

Chiarelli's motion included non-union support city staff, including political assistants, but that was rejected by the rest of council.

Bay Ward Coun. Alex Cullen said the motion is highly symbolic and doesn't accomplish anything.

Capital Ward Coun. Clive Doucet called the motion "dishonest."

"This is not leadership. It's downwardship. It's a look-good-in-the-next-election motion," said

Doucet. "I don't think you're valuing your political leadership when you're paying them less than most of your unionized staff."

Such motions to cut councillor salaries usually come up prior to almost every election, said Somerset Coun. Diane Holmes, who called it "a pretend motion."

Holmes said she was concerned with the effect it would have on the city's ability to recruit top managers.

"We're in competition with every other city in Ontario and we are way at the bottom in terms of compensation," said Holmes. "It took us a year and a half to hire a fire chief, for example."

Guergis being kept in dark: Attorney

SCANDAL Helena Guergis has never been told the nature of the serious allegations that compelled the prime minister to eject her from caucus and call in the Mounties, her lawyer says.

But Prime Minister Stephen Harper's director of communications says the party's lawyer did tell the former status-of-women minister about the allegations last Friday.

Guergis' lawyer, Howard Rubel, said that neither the RCMP nor the government has shed any light on the matter — and stood by his position after hearing the rebuttal from Harper's office.

"Ms. Guergis looks forward to responding as soon as someone tells her what the allegations are," said Rubel.

Rubel said he personally called the RCMP in Ottawa this week and offered to respond if they would reveal the nature of the allegations.

Harper referred cryptically yesterday to the allegations, saying they were about the former minister's "comportment."

In the information vacuum, speculation continued to run rampant through the corridors of Parliament Hill, including among members of Guergis' former caucus.

CTV News reported that Harper took action against Guergis after hearing about a drug-related matter. When asked about the story, Rubel said he would not respond to "rumours" or "gossip."

Guergis, however, called the report "ridiculous."

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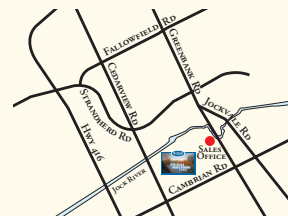


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Man wanted in sexual assault

CRIME Police are investigating a sexual assault after an incident in the city's south end early Monday. A 22-year-old woman was about to enter her vehicle in a parking lot in the 2600 block of Southvale Crescent when she was grabbed and sexually assaulted. Police said an older white male with grey hair driving a 2002 to 2003 burgundy four-door sedan may have witnessed the incident. Police are seeking a black male, about six feet tall with a medium build.

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News in brief

SERVICE A memorial mass will be held for the Polish officials who recently lost their lives at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday at the Notre Dame Cathedral.

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Volunteers donned giant two-person briefs yesterday in a race down Sparks Street to raise awareness for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation's first annual Underwear Affair, to be held Sept. 11. The race will raise money to fight cancers below the waist.

Thinking below the belt

CHARITY Private parts are about to get a lot more exposure.

Volunteers for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation gave onlookers a sneak peek yesterday afternoon as they ran down Sparks Street wearing giant briefs for two to raise awareness for Ottawa's first Underwear Affair. To be held Sept. 11, the event is a 10K run or 5K walk to raise money for the foundation and awareness for cancers below the waist, including prostate, colorectal, ovarian, testicular, bladder, cervical and uterine cancers.

"What's really new about this event is that for the first time, we're going to be raising money for cancers that are considered taboo," said

"For the first time, we're going to be raising money for cancers that are considered taboo."

Linda Eagen, CEO, Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation

Linda Eagen, president and CEO of the foundation.

"We don't talk about them, those cancers that are below the belt."

"These are the kinds of cancers that are killing some of our friends and family. People are suffering everyday because of them."

Despite its name, Eagen said the unique event is "more about being goofy

than being naked."

Organizers are hoping to see a couple of thousand people sign up for the event, said Shann Bosnell, operations manager for the Underwear Affair in Ottawa. He believes the event will be successful.

"In addition to having a lot of runners, we also have a younger crowd, with all the universities and colleges, that would really get into what we're doing here."

"Drawing attention to them is the only way we will raise awareness and motivate people to take part in regular screening and testing for prevention and early detection," said Dr. Gad Perry of the Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre Group.

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On track

Ottawa included in crossing upgrades

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Ottawa will be one of dozens of communities across Canada to benefit from \$11 million in rail grade crossing improvements, the feds announced here yesterday.

The Government of Canada will upgrade 155 high-priority rail grade crossings across Canada in an effort to improve "safety at crossings where roads and train tracks meet," said Transport Minister John Baird, who made the announcement along with Minister of State (Transport) Rob Merrifield and Minister of State for the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec Denis Lebel.

"Statistics show a decline in fatalities and injuries at rail crossings and that means we are making progress," said Merrifield.

Baird called it "encouraging" that since 1981, Canada has seen crossing collisions drop by more than 70 per cent. "In 2009 alone, there was a 36 per cent decrease from the previous year of the number of crossing fatalities and injuries here in Canada," said Baird. There was also a decrease in the number of derailments, he said.

Of the 155 projects, 42 will be in Ontario, totalling \$4,081,199. There will also



Transport Minister John Baird, with Minister of State (Transport) Rob Merrifield, left, announced \$11 million for 155 rail grade crossing projects across Canada yesterday.

be projects in British Columbia,

Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Eligible projects include the installation or addition of flashing lights, bells and gates; interconnecting crossing signals to nearby highway traffic signals; improving roadway alignment or grades, and modifying nearby intersections and adding traffic control signals, said Merrifield.

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Bollards set for U.S. Embassy

TIM WIECLAWSKI
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Concrete jersey barriers running along Sussex Drive in front of the U.S. Embassy will soon be turned into steel and concrete posts, known as bollards.

The temporary barriers were installed shortly after the attack on the World Trade Centre buildings in New York City in

\$100,000

Local councillors discussed getting \$100,000 per year in compensation for the loss of access to a lane on Sussex Drive due to the permanent barriers.

September 2001.

The bollards are being installed as part of an infrastructure stimulus project to repair the infrastructure under Sussex

Drive.

Most of the cost of the \$2-million project is being paid for by the Canadian government and the U.S. Embassy.

Since the bollards are a more permanent security measure than the current concrete barriers, a number of councillors argued that the city should receive over \$100,000 per year to compensate for the loss of a lane on Sussex Drive.

CHEO unveils telethon's new logo

CONTEST The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario has unveiled its new logo for its 2010 telethon.

Gloucester High School student Quinn Querido's illustration of the CHEO bear leading a child by the hand was chosen by a panel of judges as this year's winner.

"I've been drawing my whole life," said the 17-year-old, who



hopes to pursue a career in graphic design.

The original drawing, which was transformed into a logo, will be featured on the advertising for the telethon, as well as providing art for this year's CHEO clothing line.

The CHEO telethon has moved locations, and will be aired from the Canadian War Museum from June 5-6.

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New Zealand Prime Minister John Key, right, lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during a military ceremony at the National War Memorial yesterday. Key also signed the "Livre d'or" to commemorate the event and honour those who fought during the First and Second World Wars.

News in brief

ICE SKATING Beginning in 2011, all children under 13 years old will have to wear helmets while skating at city-operated indoor rinks. Around 5,700 children visit Ottawa-area emergency rooms with head injuries each year.

HOUSE TAXES Ottawa-area landlords will be paying an extra 70 cents on top of every dollar that private homeowners will be paying. City council set the multi-residential property tax ratio at 1.7 yesterday.

BREAK-AND-ENTERS Police have charged a 16-year-old male following four break-and-enter incidents on Jessica Private Tuesday.

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TELEPHONE Ottawa is getting a new area code. The 343 area code will be introduced to the area served by the existing 613 on May 17.

The new area code will come into use gradually and will only be assigned to new numbers, having no impact on existing 613 numbers.

The addition of the 343 is intended to meet the continuously growing demand for new telephone numbers.

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Toronto bus driver accused of assaulting passenger

A Toronto bus driver has been charged with assault after getting into a dispute with a passenger over a fare. The driver allegedly attacked the 18-year-old man, breaking a window on the bus. The victim suffered non-life-threatening injuries. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Canada



Judge demands posters' identities

A Nova Scotia judge has ordered a newspaper and Google Inc. to cough up whatever details they possess about the identities of people who posted comments anonymously about Halifax's two top firefighters. The two are considering a lawsuit against posters. The judge said the court doesn't "condone the conduct of anonymous Internet users who make defamatory comments."

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Karen Fraser, widow of Const. Michael Sweet, speaks in Toronto yesterday about privacy laws that shield the personal information his killer used to make a parole bid. Looking on is their youngest daughter Nicole Sweet, who was almost two years old when Craig Munro gunned down her father.

Sad family fights privacy gag

MURDER The family of a police officer who bled to death 30 years ago while his killer taunted police pleaded yesterday for changes to privacy laws.

They said the laws hide information on which the murderer made a partially successful bid for parole.

Backed by police groups, the widow and grown children of Toronto Const. Michael Sweet said Craig

Munro's records should be as public as the killing was.

"Mike was murdered in a public place, Craig Munro's trial was public information, Craig Munro's sentencing was public information," said Sweet's widow, Karen Fraser.

"However, as soon as Craig Munro was in prison, all information concerning Craig Munro became pri-

vate information under the federal government's Privacy Act."

Munro, 58, claims to have reformed. He told a National Parole Board hearing last month that he was drunk and high during the standoff and didn't realize Sweet was dying.

Munro is serving a life sentence for Sweet's first-degree murder on March 14, 1980. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Premier hints police erred in Jaffer case

Premier Dalton McGuinty suggested yesterday police made mistakes during the arrest of Helena Guergis's husband last fall.

McGuinty spoke out as Ontario government officials stay silent over the reasons why criminal charges against former Conservative MP Rahim Jaffer resulted in only a \$500 fine for careless driving.

Crown prosecutor Marie Balogh told court last month there was "no reasonable prospect" of convicting Jaffer of drunk driving and possession of cocaine — and McGuinty said yesterday "that was that."

A CBC report on Tuesday said the charges were withdrawn because police strip-searched Jaffer and didn't allow him to speak with his own lawyer who called after he got advice from a legal aid attorney.

McGuinty said he hadn't heard the report, but he did suggest the Ontario Provincial Police had made

"I have confidence that the Crown made the right decision given the circumstances."

Dalton McGuinty

mistakes during the high-profile arrest last September.

"I'm not familiar with the particulars of the investigation, but I have confidence that the Crown made the right decision given the circumstances," McGuinty told reporters.

"I also have confidence that the Crown would have, or should have, spoken with the police investigators to make sure they clearly understood the challenges associated with any methods they may have adopted."

Ontario's opposition parties said the government has a duty to explain exact-

ly why the criminal charges against Jaffer were pleaded down to a fine.

"We want the attorney general to provide an explanation to Ontarians about how someone of such a high profile could get away scot-free, really, with the kind of criminal behaviour he was charged with," said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

Jaffer's lawyer, Howard Rubel, said outside the court that Jaffer had always "refuted" the charges of driving over the legal limit or possession of any illegal substance and "the withdrawal of those charges vindicates that refutation."

In the end, Jaffer pleaded guilty to careless driving and was fined \$500 and made a \$500 donation to

charity. "I'm sure you can recognize a break when you see one," Justice Doug Maund told Jaffer. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Rahim Jaffer

No turning back, says GG Jean

VICE-REGAL Michaëlle Jean has confirmed her five-year term as governor general will not be extended beyond its scheduled end in September.

There are indications that despite Jean's popularity among Canadians, the federal government has been actively seeking a successor.

The governor general, who arrived yesterday in Senegal for a 10-day state visit to sub-Saharan Africa, said she intends to keep

working until her term is up Sept. 27.

"I'm very focused right now on what I want to achieve until the end of my tenure, which will come at the end of September," Jean told Canadian journalists accompanying her on the trip.

"Normally, I was appointed for five years. And the end comes at the fifth anniversary of the installation, which is the end of September."

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Former top judge to probe judges

INQUIRY Premier Jean Charest has named former Supreme Court justice Michel Bastarache to head a public inquiry into how judges are selected in Quebec.

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NASA contemplating emergency spacewalk

NASA is considering whether an emergency spacewalk by the crew of space shuttle Discovery is needed to clear a stuck valve in a critical cooling loop at the International Space Station, officials said yesterday. The nitrogen valve failed to open Tuesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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World



'Third World' doesn't fit new reality

The head of the World Bank says it is time to stop using the term "Third World" to refer to developing countries and recognize they are an essential part of a new, fast evolving, multipolar international economy. Robert Zoellick, left, said the global economic crisis of 2009 showed the categorization of First and Third Worlds, donor and supplicant, leader and led no longer fit. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Search for survivors

Rescuers face challenges after earthquakes in rural China

Soldiers and civilians used shovels and their bare hands to dig through collapsed buildings in search of survivors after strong earthquakes struck a mountainous Tibetan region of China yesterday, killing at least 589 people and injuring more than 10,000.

The series of quakes flattened buildings across remote western Yushu county and sent survivors, many bleeding from their wounds, flooding into the streets of Jiugu township. State television showed block after devastated block of toppled mud and wood homes. Local officials said 85 per cent of the structures had been destroyed.

Residents and troops garrisoned in the town used shovels and their hands to pull survivors and bodies from the rubble much of the day. Several schools collapsed, with the state news agency saying at least 56 students died. Worst hit was the Yushu Vocational School, where Xinhua cited a local educa-



Rescue workers search for survivors at the site of a collapsed building in Yushu country in western China's Qinghai province.

tion official as saying 22 students died.

Footage on Qinghai Satellite TV showed bodies wrapped in blankets lying on the ground while rescuers pulled shards of concrete from a pancaked

school building.

Crews set up emergency generators to restore operations at Yushu's airport, and by late afternoon the first of six flights landed carrying rescue workers and equipment. But the

road to town was blocked by a landslide, hampering the rescue as temperatures dropped below freezing. Tens of thousands of the town's 70,000 people were without shelter, state media said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Thousands left homeless in India

DISASTER A cyclone packing winds of more than 160 km/h demolished tens of thousands of mud huts in northeastern India, killing at least 89 villagers, officials said yesterday.

The cyclone struck close to midnight on Tuesday in northeastern parts of West Bengal and Bihar states, uprooting trees and snapping telephone and electricity lines, West Bengal Civil Defence Minister Srikumar Mukherjee said. Hundreds of people were injured and many thousands left homeless.

Devesh Chandra Thakur, Bihar state's minister for disaster management, said there was no cyclone warning from the weather department, so villagers were unprepared.

Television footage showed uprooted trees lying across shanties and sheets of corrugated metal ripped from the roofs of homes. Small children sat outside their damaged huts as parents tried to salvage their belongings from inside.

Namita Biswas, 51, a housewife in West Bengal,

50,000

Officials say that nearly 50,000 mud huts were destroyed in West Bengal, with thousands more destroyed in Bihar.

told The Associated Press by phone she and her husband were sleeping in their hut when it was crushed by a tree that broke from the impact of the cyclone. Her husband was killed.

The worst-hit villages in West Bengal state were Hematabad, Raiganj and Kiran Dighi, where police and rescue teams have recovered 39 bodies, Ramanuj Chakraborty, a senior local official told The Associated Press.

By yesterday evening, authorities had begun rushing medical teams and food supplies to the cyclone-hit area, Ramanuj Chakraborty, a West Bengal official said. Temporary shelters were also being set up for those who had lost their homes, he said.

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News in brief

POLAND The sense of unity spawned by the plane crash that killed Poland's president and dozens of the country's top officials has begun to fray, with controversy flaring over the choice of a burial site and suspicion spreading about the cause of the accident.

SCANDAL The Vatican yesterday tried to defuse growing anger over comments from the Pope's top aide on Monday linking homosexuality to pedophilia, while claiming no link between celibacy and pedophilia. A Vatican spokesman said the offending remarks weren't medical assertions, but rather, were based on statistics.

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Volcano erupts for second time this month

ICELAND A volcano under a glacier in Iceland erupted yesterday for the second time in less than a month, melting ice, spewing smoke and steam, closing a major road and forcing hundreds of people to flee rising floodwaters.

Authorities evacuated 800 residents from around the Eyjafjallajökull glacier as rivers rose by up to three metres.

Emergency officials and scientists said the eruption under the ice cap was 10 to 20 times more powerful than one last month, and carried a much greater risk of widespread flooding.

"This is a very much more violent eruption, because it's interacting with ice and water," said Andy Russell, an expert in glacial flooding at the University of Newcastle in northern England.

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Padded bikini for kids draws scorn

A major British clothing retailer withdrew a children's bathing suit from sale yesterday after a front-page tabloid story revealed it was selling padded bras on bikinis aimed at seven-year-olds.

The bikinis angered children's advocates and candidates in Britain's upcoming election, who say it was yet another product that sexualizes children and encourages them to grow up too fast.

"It's a shame it was ever put on the shelves in the first place," said Justine Roberts, founder of the Mumsnet, a parenting website that attracts a large, vocal audience. She nonetheless praised the decision to pull it from shelves.

Primark, a popular discount chain, is not the first retailer to draw criticism for offering padded bras for kids younger than 10.

The popular online Mumsnet forum said such clothing tells girls that sexiness is the most impor-

"It's a shame it was ever put on shelves in the first place."

Website founder

tant quality, and it "encourages a culture in which children are viewed as sexually available."

Announcing the immediate withdrawal of the product, Primark promised to donate any profits

already earned from the item to a children's charity. The product line, it added, "sells in relatively small quantities."

The retailer acted within hours of a front-page newspaper article denouncing the product as a "paedo bikini." Politicians swiftly joined the clamour. "Completely disgraceful," Conservative party leader David Cameron said of the bikini. "The sort of country I want is one where it is not just the government (that) feels outraged about the early commercialization and sexualization of our children, but companies should stop doing it, they should take some responsibility."

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Missing girl found in swamp

FLORIDA The little girl's voice on the 911 call was faint yet cheerful, letting central Florida police know that after four days of searching and lots of prayer, they had found missing 11-year-old Nadia Bloom.

"Hi. This is Nadia and I'm the girl that got lost," she said Tuesday from deep inside an alligator-infested swamp in Winter Springs.

The fifth-grader, who has Asperger's syndrome, a type of autism-related disorder, was found by a man who attends the same church as her family, police said. James King said she was in a dry patch in the middle of the swamp.

King said the girl had bug bites yet "no major injuries, just exposure."

"She was very calm, she was very matter of fact. There was no panic," King said on ABC's Good Morning America yesterday.

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Childbirth death rates under dispute in new studies

HEALTH The number of women dying in childbirth worldwide has dropped dramatically, a British medical journal reports, adding that it was pressured to delay its findings until after UN meetings this week on public health funding.

A new, separate report by a group headed by the United Nations reached a very different conclusion on maternal mortality, saying the figure remains as high as 500,000 deaths a year.

The disagreement reveals the politics behind public health, where progress made in tackling a health problem can jeopardize funding. Public health officials are gearing up to ask for billions of dollars at UN meetings.

The British medical journal Lancet rushed out a paper on Sunday that found the number of women who die in pregnancy or childbirth has dropped by more than 35 per cent over 28 years.

Richard Horton, editor of the Lancet, said he was

Disagreement

- As many as 500,000 women may die each year while giving birth, UN report suggests.

- A Lancet paper suggests maternal deaths fell to 343,000 in 2008.

disappointed when maternal health advocates pressured him to delay publishing the report until September, after several critical fundraising meetings. He did not name any group or individual who tried to pressure him.

In their paper, Christopher Murray and colleagues at the Institute for Health Metrics at the University of Washington found that maternal deaths have fallen from about 500,000 deaths in 1980 to about 343,000 in 2008. The study in the Lancet was based on more data than was previously available in addition to statistical modelling and was paid for by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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Palin Hey, get outta my email!



The son of a Democratic state legislator is charged with hacking former Alaska governor Sarah Palin's email account and will go on trial next week in Tennessee. Palin has been subpoenaed and will testify, officials say.

Bin Laden more likely to be caught dead than alive, U.S. attorney-general suggests

WASHINGTON Under fire from Republican critics, Attorney General Eric Holder said yesterday the U.S. still aims to capture and interrogate Osama bin Laden, but expects the al-Qaida leader won't be taken alive.

The attorney-general was on the defensive from the outset in his testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, peppered with criticism over his handling of terrorism issues, including the planned shutdown of the Guantanamo Bay detention centre and where those suspects should be sent for trial.

He said remarks he made last month that bin

Laden would not face trial stemmed from reports that his security guards are under instructions not to let him be taken alive if cornered by U.S. forces.

Shortly after he made those comments in March, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan said it remains the goal of U.S. troops to capture bin Laden alive and bring him to justice, suggesting that military and legal counterterrorism agencies are not on the same page.

Holder said the plan remains to take bin Laden alive if possible, even if there is little expectation that he will let himself become a prisoner.

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Alleged pirates flown to trial

THE HAGUE A Dutch military transport plane yesterday picked up 10 suspected Somali pirates who were arrested at sea and was flying them to the Netherlands to await transfer to Germany for trial. The 10 were captured April 5 by Dutch special forces marines who slid down ropes from a helicopter to recapture the seized German container ship MV Taipan.

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News in brief

CRIME A Czech politician is trying to reduce the age at which a person can be tried for murder to age 10. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Deal reached in Honduran standoff

The Honduran government reached a deal yesterday to grant land to thousands of farm workers occupying plantations in a standoff that raised fears of unrest nearly a year after a coup. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Hamas reacts to tunnel threats

Hamas temporarily closed Gaza's smuggling tunnels in response to an Israeli warning of a plot to kidnap Israelis vacationing in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula and drag them into Gaza through the underground passageways, officials said yesterday.

The unprecedented step briefly cut off a key economic lifeline to the blockaded Palestinian territory, ruled by the Islamic militant Hamas since its violent takeover in 2007.

A senior Hamas government official said the cross-border tunnels were closed

at the request of Egypt, which relayed the Israeli concerns.

Another Hamas official said the decision was also partly prompted by concerns that Israel could bomb the tunnels under the Egypt-Gaza border. Hamas, increasingly isolat-

ed, may also have wanted to avoid further friction with Israel and Egypt.

The order came just hours after Israel told its citizens to leave Sinai, saying it had "concrete" evidence that militants were trying to abduct Israelis and possibly take them to

Gaza. The tunnels would be the only route to drag captives into Gaza.

Tunnel workers were told late Tuesday by Hamas security forces to leave the smuggling areas on the Gaza-Egypt border, smugglers and security officials said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

NUKES Having said Iran could make a nuclear bomb in about a year, a top U.S. general predicts it would still take longer than that to make the bomb usable. Gen. James Cartwright says that, historically, it takes a country three to five years to make such a leap, but it could be less if Iran pursued ways to deliver a weapon at the same time as it worked to build a bomb. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Hezbollah has Scuds, say Israel officials

MIDDLE EAST Israeli defence officials said yesterday they believe Hezbollah has Scud missiles that could hit all of Israel, a day after Israel's president accused Syria of supplying the Lebanese guerrillas with the weapons for the first time.

Israeli officials say the introduction of Scuds could alter the strategic balance with Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed militia that battled Israel to a stalemate during a month-long war in 2006.

Scuds

Some Scud missiles have a range of hundreds of kilometres and could reach any target in Israel if fired from Lebanon. They can carry an explosive warhead of up to one ton.

President Shimon Peres charged that Syria is playing a double game, talking about peace, while "it is delivering Scuds to Hezbollah to threaten Israel," according to a statement from his office.

In Washington, the Syrian Embassy dismissed the allegations and accused Israel of trying to divert attention from questions about Israel's nuclear program. Israel is widely believed to possess nuclear arms; it does not confirm or deny this.

"If we are to discuss armament in our region, we should begin with Israel's massive nuclear weapons arsenal and continuous arming with top-calibre U.S. weapons, which helps perpetuate its occupation of our territories," said embassy spokesman Ahmed Salkini.

"The timing also indicates a sinister attempt to undermine any U.S.-Syrian rapprochement."

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This homework sounds appealing

Relating

Steve Collins

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You learn so much on this beat. I'm informed, for example, that April is "Couple Appreciation Month." No doubt you already have big plans. If the idea of yet another contrived opportunity to fall short of your partner's expectations — one with a

duration 30 times that of Valentine's Day — infuses you with a certain familiar dread, I can assure you that you are not alone.

Sex therapist Teesha Morgan, online host of the K-Y Intimacy Experiment, tried to allay my panic by explaining the difference.

"Valentine's Day is more of a singular day that has a lot to do with the female, you know, wooing the girlfriend or the wife, or buying her flowers," she says. "I think Couple Appreciation is more of a joint thing for the man and woman. And longer lasting."

The K-Y Intimacy Experiment

"Bringing back that little spark of something new I think is really important." Teesha Morgan, sex therapist

ment, despite sounding to my dirty ear like a euphemism for particular uses of its product, is an attempt to help couples rediscover what got them together in the first place.

It began in December with a survey of about 1,000 couples in relationships of three years or more. Of the respondents, 56 per cent reported their sex lives had taken a dive over time. Ninety per cent

said they'd be willing to try something new, but few knew what.

That's where Morgan's experiment comes in. She takes three couples through a 12-week course of exercises designed to get them out of their usual routines and, hopefully, back into each other.

Watching the episodes online, I'm struck first of all by what doggedly good sports the participating

pairs are, willing to point out the potholes of their relationships and try to reconnect. In one surprisingly naked moment, Lindsay, discussing her doubts about her future with Brandon, has to stop as she suddenly tears up. This is serious. She's scared.

Mostly, though, it's light, fun viewing, employing many familiar reality TV tropes as couples take dance lessons, learn massage techniques and go shopping for lingerie together.

"Sometimes we get in little ruts in our relationships and throughout life, and

being able to spice things up with even something simple like buying a new type of lingerie and going outside of your box can make huge strides in a relationship," Morgan tells me. "Bringing back that little spark of something new I think is really important. You can't do the same thing over and over again and expect different results, right?"

You can check out the K-Y Experiment and download homework assignments for couples at youtube.com/ky.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Left? Right? Honk if you have an opinion

FourthWave

Canice Leung

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I took a little road trip this past weekend to the political heart of America: Washington, D.C. I knew I'd be in for some political amusement, between the circus of health-care reform, teabaggers, birthers, and financial meltdown.

And how! Seemingly everywhere I turned everyone had opinions, flapping flags or placards; everything was up for debate!

All the stereotypes about fired-up, proselytizing Americans were in full effect.

I passed billboards and signs, either for or against everything: Bank bailouts, mortgages, abortion, politicians, Obama, Supreme Court nominations.

Though my political stripes run liberal, I couldn't help but laugh at all the hyperbolic statements equally: A Prius in front of us was emblazoned with an "ITMFA" sticker — that is, "Impeach The Motherf—er (that is, George Bush) Already" next to an Obama-Biden 2008 decal. The pickup truck next to it displayed a "Stop Kerry"

relic (circa 2006) next to a Confederate flag.

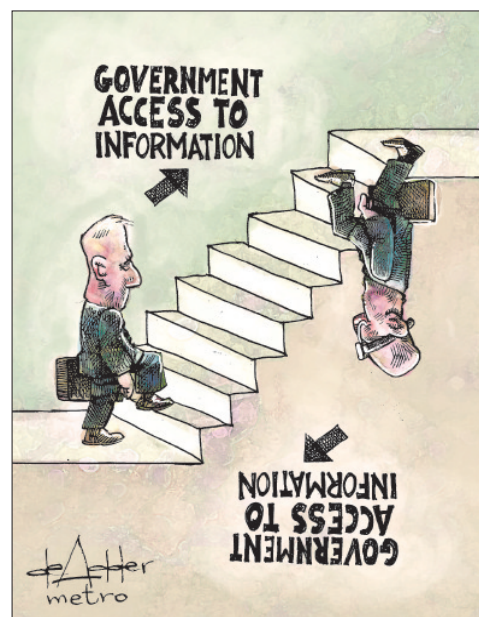
Perhaps it's all a byproduct of American values, or the two-party system that encourages people to take sides; maybe a country built on a people's revolution and the First Amendment can only inspire outspoken, black-and-white zeal.

We're complex human beings, capable of careful discussion and give-and-take. How can anyone possibly distill an opinion on, say, the health-care reform bill (which has more pages than War And Peace) into a catchphrase? The reductive quality of a bumper sticker doesn't change anyone's mind — they are

merely rallying points for the fervent, rather than talking points for the open-minded. It doesn't raise genteel, thoughtful discussion, just people's hackles.

Though it's not my country's politics to meddle in, consider how Canadian politicians take cues from the U.S. (does anyone else remember a time before attack ads existed on Canadian television?). Maybe it is worth a cautionary word or two. If only I could fit that political statement on a bumper sticker.

Canice Leung is a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.



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ing 0.36 per cent of common shares outstanding, is in addition to the 3.9 million shares that RIM has purchased through the Nasdaq since the beginning of April.

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Loonie closes above \$1 US

The Canadian dollar has closed the day's trading above parity with the U.S. dollar for the first time since May 2008, finishing up more than a quarter cent to 100.08 cents US.

The loonie has been supported by the relative strength of the Canadian economy, rising commodity prices and confidence that Canada has not taken

on more debt than it can handle — worries that persist for the United States and many European nations.

Economists don't expect the loonie to rise quickly to the heights it reached around \$1.10 US back in November 2007, but rather feel it will waver around parity for a while.

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Barrick mine can continue

MINING Barrick Gold Corp. is welcoming a U.S. court decision that will allow the Toronto-based gold miner to go ahead with its Cortez Hills mine in Nevada.

A coalition of opponents had asked for a halt of work at the project while the U.S. Bureau of Land

Management conducted a study of certain aspects.

Instead, Judge Larry Hicks came up with what Barrick calls a "more tailored" injunction.

Barrick won't shift ore off the Cortez Hills site for processing while the study is being conducted.

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Business in brief

BROADCASTING Corus Entertainment Inc. is making programming adjustments aimed at luring more men to the women-focused W Network. A recent change in the way the broadcast TV industry tallies its viewers revealed guys were tuning out when their female partners tuned in.

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Rising fuel prices a sign of optimism in China

China raised fuel prices yesterday for the first time in five months, showing confidence it can control inflation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Suffering from success

U.S. buyers have been snapping up the iPad so quickly that Apple Inc. is delaying the tablet computer's overseas debut a second time, the company said yesterday.

Apple said it will now start taking orders for the iPad from international buyers, including Canadians, on May 10.

In January, it said the iPad would be sold worldwide in late March. It started selling them in the U.S. on April 3, but delayed plans for the international launch until late in April.

Word of the second delay didn't faze Apple investors, who are eager to see signs the iPad is selling well. Apple shares rose 1.3 per cent in premarket trading.

Apple said has delivered



Best Buy employee Edwin Valadez brings Apple iPads out to be stocked before an Apple Store opens in Chicago.

more than 500,000 iPads in the U.S. and has taken "a large number" of orders for the coming models

that can go online over cellular broadband rather than solely via Wi-Fi.

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Canwest's good news won't help asset sale

EARNINGS Canwest Global Communications Corp. has tightened its latest quarterly losses, but observers suggest the improved results will have little impact on the sale of its assets.

The Winnipeg-based me-

dia conglomerate is in the process of selling its newspapers and television stations, and while blockbuster earnings might have pushed some prospective buyers to ramp up their bids for the newspapers,

such an outcome was always a long shot, some said.

"Nobody is surprised by this," said Duncan Stewart, director of research and analysis at DSAM Consulting, in reaction to the earnings.

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DeMar DeRozan had a career-high 24 points as the Toronto Raptors beat the New York Knicks 131-113 last night, but fell short of reaching the NBA post-season. Toronto needed Chicago to lose in Charlotte, but the Bulls didn't comply — they defeated the Bobcats 98-89 to lock up eighth spot in the Eastern Conference. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sports



Blues keep Payne as coach

The St. Louis Blues took the interim tag off head coach Davis Payne's title yesterday. Payne, left, who was named interim head coach Jan. 2, is the 23rd coach in franchise history. The 39-year-old, who is currently the youngest coach in the NHL, guided the Blues to a 23-15-4 record after taking over from Andy Murray.

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Sports in brief

NHL Arsenal lost 2-1 at fierce local rival Tottenham yesterday with a performance that manager Arsene Wenger said cost his team the chance to win the Premier League title.

Tottenham had its first league win over Arsenal in 11 years and stopped the Gunners from moving ahead of Manchester United into second place.

HOCKEY Austin Czarnik scored twice as the United States beat Switzerland 5-1 for its first win

of the IIHF World U18 Championship yesterday.

NFL The Denver Broncos have traded wide receiver Brandon Marshall to the Miami Dolphins for a second-round pick in next week's draft and another second-round pick in 2011. Marshall caught 101 passes last season for 1,120 yards and a career-best 10 TDs, but his four-year stint in Denver was filled with run-ins with the law.

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Sens surprise Pens

Second-period surge puts Ottawa up for good

(Ottawa leads 1-0)

Senators 5 Penguins 4

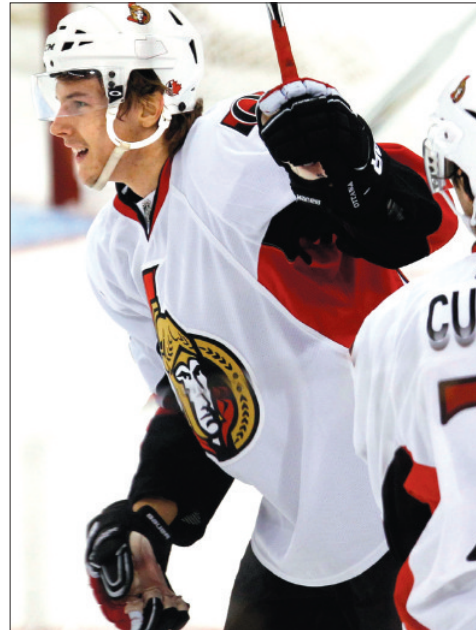


Erik Karlsson and Chris Kelly scored on power plays in the second period and the Ottawa Senators ignored their underdog tag, surprising the Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins with a 5-4 victory in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference first-round series last night.

Evgeni Malkin scored twice following penalties on Peter Regin, the first barely three minutes into the game, but the Penguins looked mostly flat and uninspired for long periods in beginning their bid to become the NHL's first repeat champion since Detroit in 1998.

Sidney Crosby, who piled up 15 points in his final five regular-season games, had three assists but was held without a shot until getting two in the third period and the Penguins — seemingly unprepared for Ottawa's defensive pressure — were held to a single shot during a stretch lasting 21 minutes 53 seconds. Ottawa constantly matched shutdown defencemen Anton Volchenkov and Chris Phillips against the Crosby line.

The Senators, one of the



Ottawa's Erik Karlsson celebrates his second-period goal last night against Pittsburgh during NHL playoff action.

biggest underdogs of the first-round qualifiers, from being down a goal to being up 3-1 during that period as Regin, Chris Neil and Kelly scored — quieting a crowd of 17,132 that clearly arrived expecting another long playoff run by the home team.

Goalie Brian Elliott gave up four goals on 21 shots in his playoff debut, but made several big stops on Alexei Ponikarovsky and Malkin

in the second period as the Penguins pressed to tie it following Malkin's second goal at 10:22.

Instead, the 19-year-old Karlsson restored Ottawa's two-goal lead less than three minutes later, collecting a rebound of a shot from the left point by Matt Cullen that rebounded off Mike Fisher in front and wristing it into a wide open corner of the net to make it 4-2.

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Philadelphia goalie bedevils New Jersey

NHL RESULTS

Flyers 2 Devils 1



Brian Boucher had 23 saves in his first playoff start in eight years and the Philadelphia Flyers beat the New Jersey Devils 2-1 in Game 1 of their first-round Eastern Conference series last night.

Chris Pronger and Mike Richards scored second-period goals as the Flyers rode the momentum of claiming the NHL's last playoff berth on the final day of the regular season to yet another win over New Jersey.

While the Flyers are the No. 7 seed in the conference, they won five of six games against the Devils in the regular season and second-seeded New Jersey had few answers in the post-season against a rock-solid Boucher.

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NFL 2010 schedule coming Tuesday

The NFL says it will release the 2010 regular-season schedule Tuesday night. Usually, the schedule is announced in late March or early April, but several adjustments are being made this year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Montreal Canadiens coach Jacques Martin gives instructions during a practice yesterday in Brossard, Que. The Canadiens will face the Washington Capitals in Game 1 of the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs tonight.

Joking time over as Habs get focused

As reporters entered the Montreal Canadiens dressing room after practice yesterday, defenceman Jaroslav Spacek made an impromptu announcement.

"The Jaromir Jagr press conference starts at noon!" he shouted.

Spacek was referring to the brief tempest stirred up this week when Canadiens centre Tomas Plekanec was quoted as saying of the Washington Capitals goal-tenders that "it's not as if we're facing (Martin) Brodeur or (Ryan) Miller." Caps goalie Jose Theodore replied "Tomas who? Jagr?"

The laughs were all that was left of the so-called controversy yesterday as the Canadiens held their final practice before flying to Washington to face the heavily favoured Capitals in Game 1 of the best-of-seven playoff series tonight.

"It's pretty funny," said Plekanec, who denied showing disrespect toward Washington's goalies in general and Theodore in particular. "We had a little laugh about it. That's OK. It's playoff time and that comes with it."

"That's fine. We have an important game to focus on now."

In Washington, Theodore had to leave the Capitals'

practice after being struck on the inside of his left knee by a shot. He got up and returned to the net, but left a few minutes later.

Coach Bruce Boudreau said what while it hurt, Theodore would be OK to play. Boudreau had already named the former Canadian as his starting goalie for the playoffs, ahead of Semyon Varlamov.

The Capitals are a daunting opponent for Montreal, with their array of scoring stars led by Alex Ovechkin, Nicklas Backstrom and Alexander Semin, their speed, big defence and all-out attacking style. The Caps won the President's Trophy as the NHL's first-place overall team with 121 points, 33 more than the eighth-seeded Canadiens.

Montreal is relying on playing a disciplined game based on strong team defence and counterattacking with their quick but mostly small forwards. Their goaltender, almost certain to be Jaroslav Halak, must be magnificent.

"You've got to play smart," said centre Scott Gomez. "We can't play run and gun against these guys."

"It's just not going to happen. You get into that and you're asking for trouble."

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Thrashers fire coach amid shakeup

NHL The Atlanta Thrashers made a major shakeup yesterday after again missing the playoffs, firing coach John Anderson and appointing Rick Dudley to replace Don Waddell as the general manager.

Waddell was bumped upstairs to team president, where he will be responsible mainly for the business aspects of a franchise that has made the post-season only once since entering the NHL in 1999 and ranked near the bottom of the league in attendance.

Dudley, who

joined the Thrashers as associate general manager last summer, will run the hockey operations, looking to bolster a roster that dealt its top player, Ilya Kovalchuk, at this season's trade deadline when it couldn't come to terms on a new contract.

"We have a lot of important pieces in place, and I look forward to building this organization even further and working closely with Don, the owners and our staff towards achieving our goals," Dudley said in a statement. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Canadian clubs could soon face female knuckleballer

BASEBALL Canadian teams in the Golden Baseball League hope female pitcher Eri Yoshida is in the Chico Outlaws' pitching rotation when the club comes to their respective towns.

The 18-year-old from Japan, famous for her knuckleball, will report to Outlaws spring training next month.

The Victoria Seals, Edmonton Capitals and the defending champion Calgary Vipers are the Canadian teams in the independent 10-team loop. The Outlaws are based in Chico, Calif.

If Yoshida makes the lineup, baseball fans in the Canadian cities will be able to see what the Outlaws are touting as the first female to pitch for an American minor-league pro team since Ila Borders retired over a decade ago.

"I think there will be some curious onlookers wanting to see how she fares against some of the hitters we have," said Capitals director of business operations Jordi Weidman.

"Around the entire Golden Baseball League, there's a bunch of players with major league experience and



Japanese female baseball player Eri Yoshida

triple-A experience scattered throughout all the rosters and we'll be no different. I think there will be a definite curiosity factor if she's still with the team when they get here. I'd welcome it. I'd like to see it for myself in person that's for sure."

Yoshida became Japan's first female professional baseball player last year when she pitched for the Kobe Cruise 9 in the Kansai Independent League. She says she learned to pitch by watching video of Tim Wakefield of the Boston Red Sox. She recently received instruction from the all-star at Red Sox spring training in Fort Myers, Fla.

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Sports in brief

BASKETBALL While Larry Brown isn't sure how much longer he'll be on the bench, the nomadic Hall of Famer insists Charlotte will be his last coaching job. Responding yesterday to continued speculation he could bolt for the

Philadelphia 76ers or the Los Angeles Clippers at the end of the season, the 69-year-old Brown said he won't coach for anyone other than Bobcats owner Michael Jordan.

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Twins lineup features more than just Morneau, Mauer

MLB The Minnesota Twins were nearing the inauguration of Target Field, and soft-spoken slugger Jason Kubel had an eyebrow-raising message for power-hitting teammates Justin Morneau and Michael Cuddyer.

Kubel, it turns out, was determined to hit the first home run in the new ballpark.

"I told Mornny and Cuddy before the game that you guys better do it right away before I get up there," Kubel said after homering in the seventh inning of Minnesota's home-opening win over Boston on Monday. "I gave them a couple of at-bats. Now I'm thrilled that I did it. It's something I'll remember for the rest of my life."

Kubel is polite and about as quiet as any player the Twins have, with a beard and a half-smiling, almost sleepy expression.



Minnesota's Jason Kubel, right, and third base coach Scott Ulger celebrate Kubel hitting the first home run at Target Field in the seventh inning against the Boston Red Sox during the Twins home opener at Target Field on Monday in Minneapolis.

His brash prediction, even in fun around friends, sounded decidedly un-Kubel-like. Even though he's coming off a career season with 28 homers, 103 RBIs and a .300 batting av-

erage, the 27-year-old Kubel is easily overlooked in a Twins lineup highlighted by former AL MVPs Joe Mauer and Canada's Morneau.

Cuddyer hit 32 home

runs himself last year, an outgoing, polished leader in the clubhouse who is the longest-tenured player on the team. Even Jim Thome, who will spell Kubel as the designated hitter and give him an opportunity to play left field in place of Delmon Young, has a much higher profile as a bench player with 565 career home runs.

That's all right with Kubel, who was one of the organization's top prospects before a severe knee injury knocked him out for the 2005 season and delayed his progress toward establishing his presence in the middle of Minnesota's lineup.

Even he can't fully describe what finally clicked for him last year.

"It's hard to put a finger on it," Kubel said. "Everything just worked out. If I knew, that would make it easy every year."

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Gardening

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Naturally fight pests this year

Introducing good bugs to fight off the bad ones can lead to a beautiful garden

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It's a brave new world for gardeners and insect pests that bother them.

"There's a growing understanding that chemicals are not the answer," says Dr. Michael Brownbridge, research director of Horticulture Production Systems at the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre in Ontario.

"A few years ago, biological pest control was thought of as a sideline, but not anymore," he says. "We seem to have reached a tipping point, and now the time is right for the use of more biological controls," he says.

He knows biological solutions to insect pest problems aren't yet easy to find for the average gardener,



Seen here are two aphid killers for your garden: Adult ladybugs, left, eat aphids and the Green lacewing love aphids and caterpillars.



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"There's a growing understanding that chemicals are not the answer."

Dr. Michael Brownbridge

The Vineland facility is one of a few in Canada to do research on biological ways to control pest infestations, particularly in grass and ornamental species. Information on the topic has traditionally been scattered and disconnected, but Brownbridge and his team, often working with other researchers across the country, are collaborating to improve and develop new ways to control pests without using harmful chemicals.

For example, consider

the lowly nematode, a naturally occurring tiny worm that happens to feed on grubs, particularly the white grub that can decimate lawns by munching away the roots from underneath. Brownbridge and his team have been working with a group of Kwantlen College researchers, in Langley, British Columbia, to develop a system of best practices to apply nematodes to Ontario lawns.

Another biological solution under development is

for the chinchbug, which loves to suck the juice out of tiny stalks of grass, effectively killing the grass. Brownbridge, his team and University of Saskatchewan-based federal agriculture specialists are developing a fungal and bacterial spray that introduces a concentrated blast of chinchbug-killing diseases. These pathogens are normally present in the soil, but at lower levels, and are harmful only to the target species, he explains.

Better ecosystem

- One of the best ways to avoid bugs in the first place is to ensure that you have a vibrant, resilient ecosystem, complete with healthy soil and a wide variety of beneficial insects, such as bees, spiders, ladybugs, and lacewings. Here are some pointers on how to do this.
- Do not spray broad-scale insecticide since it kills all garden bugs.
- Grow flowering plants that produce nectar and pollen, similar to those found in wild-flower mixtures, such as Black-Eyed Susans and other native meadow flowers. These attract beneficial bugs that pollinate or eat plant-munching bugs.
- Add organic compost annually and work it into the soil to keep soil organisms healthy and active.
- Use mulch to conserve moisture and keep weeds from crowding out your plants.
- Water and care for your plants on a regular basis. Stressed plants are more likely to be attacked by pests or disease.
- Keep an eye on your plants to detect problems early.
- If you must use a pesticide use a gentle solution.

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ulations aimed at increasing the amount of green space in the city.

"(Toronto's law) is the most comprehensive by-law in Canada, if not North America," says Sasha Aguilera, of Xeroflor Canada, a leading company specializing in green roof technology, planning, installation and maintenance. The by-law, based on a German model (where green roofs have a longer history), is not yet intricate or detailed, but it's a good start for a country still becoming acquainted with the idea of a green roof, says Aguilera.

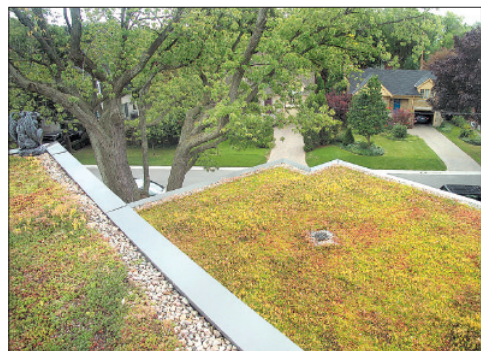
A green roof, for those who don't know, is just as it sounds — plants growing on a flat-topped roof. It can be elaborate, such as it might be on a condo rooftop, with planter boxes, walking paths, bushes and small trees, with built-in irrigation. Or it can be simple, and may consist of hardy, low-growing plants without access, like that on a porch overhang or other flat-roofed sections of a house or shed. For a basic system like this, the Xeroflor green roof system

costs about \$15 per square foot.

The biggest benefit of a green roof for a large city is that it increases the space that can absorb rainwater, reducing the amount of water that runs quickly off vast areas of impermeable surfacing and pours into sewers, overwhelming water treatment plants. Other direct benefits for home

owners and urban dwellers are reduced energy costs, longer-lasting roofs, better soundproofing, visual appeal, increased habitat for birds and butterflies, increased property value, and reduced urban heat island effect.

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A great way to reduce urban heat is to install a green roof.

now have a cute, little sedum-bedecked green roof on a new, flat-topped shed in my backyard. And my goodness, for such a teensy project, did we ever have to do a lot of research and development.

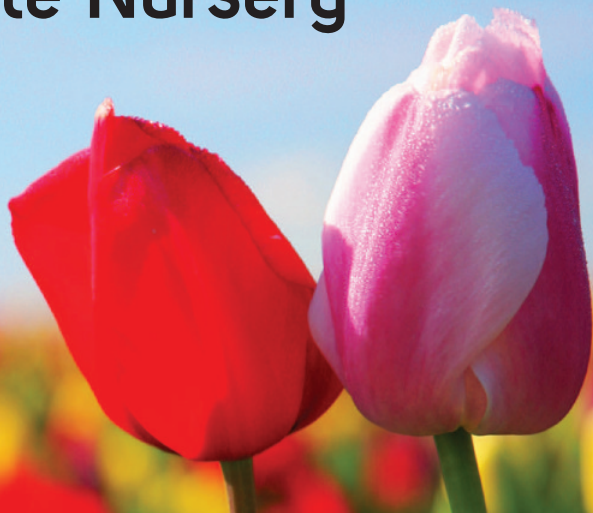
For us, the idea of a green roof, however small, was exciting. But we didn't want water leaking through the roof, or roots growing into the ceiling, or a building that collapsed under the weight of damp soil and plants. So the idea, so casually agreed up in the beginning, ended up being a lot more work than we had imagined.

The big problem was that there just wasn't a lot of information available at the time. But that's changing. Many cities, for instance, have recently come up with green roof standards as part of a set of reg-



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Spring into your garden

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With a few warm weekends already under our gardening tool belts, yards have begun begging for some early attention.

Business is blooming at gardening centres, with outdoor season having kicked off early this year. Amin Datoo, manager at Sheridan Nurseries Ltd. in Toronto, called this surge of early-season business "phenomenal."

While readying for the season by cleaning up grass, tending to flower beds and lining up vegetables to plant, so starts the annual strategizing of yard design, as home owners contemplate how to make their backyards sing louder than the birds in their bird-baths.

"The backyard is your outdoor living room," said Datoo, who has been with

Sheridan Nurseries for 35 years. "The pride in accomplishing a nice garden — it's something that not only you enjoy, it's something that you feel good about."

Datoo said among the usual gnomes, trellises and ironwork decor items to decorate outdoors, pots are a plenty this year.

"People are using pots more to decorate decks and patios — the pots are not just for the front door anymore," he said. "It gives you what we call container gardening, with the pots you can put a lot of nice flowers in them and it gives you a lift, the height, the colour, and a focal point in the garden."

He said a trend this year is to plant vegetables and herbs in pots, rather than the "old-fashioned way of having a vegetable patch."

"You can grab a piece of lettuce from your garden and eat it right there. That's pleasure," Datoo said. "Inside you'd be eating chips."



Left: The **Arches Lantern** has a bell shape that recalls the French cloches used to shelter young plants from frost. Pottery Barn, \$28-\$99, potterybarn.com. Centre: Crafted of lightweight and weather resistant resin, these **Grecian Urns** go for \$59 to \$119 and come in stone, chocolate and matte black, Ballard Designs, ballarddesigns.com. Right: Inspired by the vibrant colors of Tuscany, the **Chianna Fountain** is hand crafted of high-fired ceramic tiles Ballard Designs, \$269, ballarddesigns.com.

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Champagne buckets: Plant an orchid in it or use it to hold kitchen utensils on the counter. **KARL LOHNES/FOR METRO CANADA**

Time to go bohemian, Gypsy chic

Decor**Moment**
Karl Lohnes

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There's a new look starting to emerge in home decor stores; it's a colourful, Gypsy-like style that reminds me a bit of the psychedellic '70s era. Bright colours, bold prints and flea market style is like taking grandma's furniture and giving it new perspective; imagine a Victorian chaise lounge reupholstered with a high-tech fabric, or an old Queen-Anne dresser being painted high gloss pink. This sort of decorating can help add a lot of character to a bland interior and also inject antique-shapes with

a modern esthetic. Many of the home and fashion retailers have this look; Anthropologie, Pier1, Elte and Urban Outfitters are just a few culprits. Its mixing the best of antiques with the contemporary trends of tomorrow.

With yard sales and flea markets just around the corner, it's a great time to scout for vintage decorative pieces that you can give new life to. Its not



Anthropologie's Bergere Chair takes an updated look with a large floral print.

only a green and chic way to decorate, it also a great way to have a customized look in your home and save some money.

Here are a few fun projects that you can take on

Paint an old dresser: Use high-gloss paint to add shine with a high-fashion paint colour like dark grey or bright yellow and attach new hardware

for character.

Transform vintage drapery fabrics into pillows and a bedskirt for the bed. Need a sewer? Ask the local drycleaners, inquire at a fabric store or call your grandma.

Add a modern shade to an old lamp. Places like Walmart and Zellers have incredible lamp-shades for sale; I suggest embell-

ishing them with a simple strip of ribbon or glueing bright silk flowers for the bohemian look.

Re-frame funky artwork with an up-to-date frame. An alternative would be to paint the existing frame with a splash of colour.

lamp, grow plants in them, attach to wall as storage.

Camel back sofas: The curvy shapes are trendy but remember to re-upholster in a funky fabric rather than anything traditional.

Things to look for at yard sales

Birdcages: Turn into a

Karl Lohnes is passionate about good decor and wants to help you have a beautiful home, no matter what your budget or style.



Urban Outfitters' Wire Drop Shelf holds great inspiration for an old bird cage.



Pier1's Raie drawer unit has creative stripes painted on the front.



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Homes in **brief**

HOME IMPROVEMENTS With the downturn in the economy and a slowdown in home sales many homeowners are going to be living where they are for longer than they expected. Home improvements will not only make staying in the same home more palatable but will increase the home's value. Many homeowners have found

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Adding throw pillows or reupholstering furniture is a great way to renovate on a budget.

Get your home reno done on a budget

Instead of making major renovations, transform your home by simply rejuvenating and modernizing. Hilary Farr, designer and host of W Network's Love It or List It, offers six simple tips for upgrading your living space without breaking the budget.

Give a favourite old couch a new look. Add some throw pillows in all sorts of colours and textures. Why not give your old chairs a new look too? Reupholster them in a rich-looking new fabric.

You'd be amazed by how great a space can look once it's cleared of knick-knacks, paperwork and random items. Why not plan a thorough spring-cleaning and, while you're at it, be ruthless and toss or give away

"Fresh paint on the walls can instantly open up and appear to enlarge a room while also creating a dramatic or even subtle change in decor."

what's no longer needed. Organize what's left by investing in storage such as decorative baskets and boxes. This will help you show off those special pieces such as coffee tables, bookshelves and cabinets. Then rearrange books, picture frames and vases where they can now be seen and enjoyed.

Fresh paint on the walls can instantly open up and appear to enlarge a room while also creating a dramatic or even subtle change in decor. Be adventurous, but choose colours that will enhance

your furniture and floors or carpets. For that finishing touch, paint your old furniture and picture frames a bold new colour that complements the room.

Baseboards frame the entire space of your home, so keep them looking fresh and bright by vacuuming and cleaning. Keep walls looking their best with Vim Cream, which is specially formulated to remove scuff marks, dirt and stains.

Plastic blinds and paper shades can do the job but won't make the most of

your windows or decor. Use options that will not only do the job but also look gorgeous. Choose roman blinds in a beautiful fabric, wooden plantation shutters or luxurious looking curtains. Any of these affordable options gives long-term value — whether you plan to stay or sell.

If your home is older, try lifting a small piece of carpeting. You might find gorgeous hardwood floors beneath. It will be worth the work to remove any carpet adhesives to be ready to finally sand and finish. Rejuvenate and add a shine to existing hardwood, laminate or linoleum flooring by using Vim Oxy-Gel all-purpose cleaner, which leaves a fresh scent.

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Style



Biker-chic gear

Whether you are a real biker babe or just want to rock the look, Harley-Davidson Canada's Pink Label collection offers several wearable pieces to test drive. Launched just this year, the collection is comprised of jackets, pants, eyewear, gloves, helmets, shirts and more — all with a touch of pink. Ten per cent of proceeds are donated to Rethink Breast Cancer. The Pink Label Collection is available at participating Harley-Davidson retailers across Canada; you can also visit garageparty.ca. **METRO NEWS SERVICE**

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The iconic Chanel 2.55 handbag was quite revolutionary when it was first introduced in 1955; it debuted the shoulder strap, which enabled women to carry a purse over their arm for the first time.

A piece of purse history

The story behind the iconic Chanel 2.55 handbag

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Canada

Purses have always been the must-have accessory of fashion-conscious women.

But only a handful have reached iconic status, worn by the rich and famous, coveted by the rest of us and imitated the world over.

Of those, none have as intriguing a story as Chanel's 2.55 handbag, favoured by the likes of Jackie Kennedy and Princess Diana.

The story begins 55 years ago in Paris when French couturier Coco Chanel first debuted her 2.55 handbag in February 1955, the date after which the purse is named. At the time, it was quite revolutionary, introducing the shoulder strap to women's purses.

Made of metal chains intertwined with strips of leather, the strap enabled women to carry a purse over their arm, thereby freeing their hands that had previously been occupied holding a purse.

The bag's now-famous quilted exterior, created by diamond-shaped top stitching, was reportedly inspired by the stained-glass windows of the abbey in the French town where Coco grew up.

Virginie



The 2.55 purse's elegant burgundy lining was reportedly inspired by the colour of Coco Chanel's orphanage uniform.

Chanel's public relations director for Canada, explains that there's a whopping seven pockets inside the purse. "The interior gusseted pockets hold business cards or notebooks," she says. "There's the rounded rear pocket, nicknamed the 'Mona Lisa Smile,' the little pocket in the middle, designed to hold lipstick, and the zipped pocket inside the flap, which is reserved for money and love notes."

Word has it that in Coco's own 2.55, that particular pocket is where she hid love letters from her various lovers.

Today, the 2.55, along with Chanel's other bags, are made at a production site in a town outside Paris, where a staff of leather craftsmen, engineers and cutters assemble each bag from five lambskins — as

only the softest part of the skin (the centre portion) — is used.

During assembly, "each bag is turned inside out, in keeping with Mademoiselle Chanel's firm belief in the importance of hidden luxury — the inside should be as good as the outside," says Vincens. The purse's burgundy lining was reportedly inspired by the colour of the uniforms at the orphanage where Coco grew up.

Once a bag is assembled, it's sent to high-tech climatic chambers to test its resistance to varying temperatures, UV rays, tearing and water. Finally, it's given a tracking sticker and certificate of authenticity.

It's this remarkable craftsmanship and painstaking attention to detail — about a dozen people



spend an average of 18 hours crafting each handbag — that propelled Chanel's 2.55 to iconic status in the accessories pantheon. It has transcended fashion trends and fads over the past half-century as a timeless classic.

But you better start saving if you want to call a Chanel 2.55 your own. It'll set you back (gulp) \$3,200. But then, you're buying a little piece of fashion history. Some would say that's priceless.

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Low cost, high style

COLLECTIONS It seems there is no shortage of top-tier designers looking to bring their high-end style and fashion sensibilities to low-cost lines.

Since Karl Lagerfeld teamed up with Swedish fashion chain H&M on an exclusive collection in 2004, the number of high-fashion notables lending their names and creative talents to special collections for mass retailers has skyrocketed and shows no signs of abating.

American designer Zac Posen is among the latest to join the affordable apparel fold. He is creating a collection for U.S. retailer Target, slated for release later this month, following Jean Paul Gaultier and sisters Kate and Laura Mulleavy of Rodarte.

Gap recently announced the launch of the second collection of Stella McCartney for Gap Kids and Baby Gap. The British designer is among a host of notables, including Roberto Cavalli, Jimmy Choo and Madonna, who have followed Lagerfeld in the highly popular collaborations with H&M. The special collections for the retailer have been known to spark frenzied shopping sprees among customers clamouring for the limited-edition pieces.

Canada's Alfred Sung has been among those carving out his own niche in affordable apparel



Pure Alfred Sung jacket (\$39.97); polka dot blouse (\$22.97); straight leg pant (\$29.97).

with his line for Zellers.

Pure Alfred Sung launched last year with professional separates and accessories. It has expanded this spring and summer to bring casual wear, footwear, outerwear and accessories into the mix, with apparel pieces retailing for under \$40, and select pieces in plus sizing.

"I wanted to provide the average customer with something that's really sophisticated, classic without being boring and with a little bit of surprise here and there; something that's easy to wear dedicated to a wide variety of body shapes," Sung said in an interview describing the new collection. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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NBC announced it has hired American Idol music director Rickey Minor to serve as music director of The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, replacing Leno's longtime bandleader Kevin Eubanks, who is stepping down from the job. **EW.COM**

Entertainment

Juno lineup

Deadmau5, Hedley, and Newfoundland and Labrador natives Damhnait Doyle, Great Big Sea, and Kim Stockwood have joined Sunday's Juno broadcast. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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⊙⊙⊙⊙⊙ A CLASSIC; ⊙⊙⊙⊙⊙ EXCELLENT; ⊙⊙⊙⊙ GOOD; ⊙⊙⊙ FAIR; ⊙ POOR

Strong debut for Young Rival

Young Rival

Album: Young Rival

Label: Sonic Unyon

Rating: ⊙⊙⊙⊙⊙

THE GUITARS CRASH

through the garage doors of this album with the raw power of early Iggy Pop. Yet the vocals are nasally British-invasion-era Kinks and Yardbirds. It's a mix that could only come after six or seven years playing the gritty bars of Hamilton, Ont. Young Rival plays tight, four-minute bottle drainers, not quite retro-Mod, not-quite punk. And they're very good at what they do. If the guitars don't lead you to the edge, the bass and drums will push you over. A very strong album debut.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

MGMT

Album: Congratulations

Label: Columbia/Sony Music

Rating: ⊙⊙⊙⊙⊙

IF EVERY BAND followed up a successful album the way MGMT has, the music

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world would be a much more interesting place. The group's first release since the popular electropop Oracular Spectacular is a complete departure from the sound that made them famous. Instead of club-ready dance hits, the group takes up Beach Boys, psychedelia, new wave and more. Some will find it harder to find the hooks, but when you do you'll see this is an excellent, well-crafted, unpredictable and still infectious listen.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Cancer Bats

Album: Bears, Mayors,

Scraps and Bones

Label: Distort

Rating: ⊙⊙⊙⊙⊙

DON'T LET THE cover of the Beastie Boys' Sabotage fool you — Cancer Bats



Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada



Young Rival plays tight, four-minute bottle drainers, not quite retro-Mod, not-quite punk.

forward disc with hints of R&B, but he does dabble in Bossa Nova on Heartless, and Gray, the disc opener, a haunting, tribal-like drumbeat transforms into a full out rock track. It's not Earth shattering stuff, but Nozuka's sophomore record deserves a close listen.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Library Voices

Album: Denim on Denim

Label: Young Soul

Rating: ⊙⊙⊙⊙⊙

Jeff Beck

Album: Emotion And Commotion

Label: Atco/Warner

Rating: ⊙⊙⊙⊙⊙

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unexpected is the safest bet when it comes to Jeff Beck. The bold and eclectic guitar virtuoso has always pushed the parameters of what constitutes rock. In keeping with that mentality, from the serene, orchestral moodiness of Corpus Christi Carol and Never Alone through solo-driven Over The Rainbow and primal I Put A Spell On You with Joss Stone, he embraces a softer, gentler approach on Emotion And Commotion. Still, Beck pulls a few new guitar guru tricks out of his sleeve here and there — most notably via rugged, swaggering Hammerhead — making this effort occasionally striking and immaculate despite feeling generally slow and saccharine for a guitar hero.

Keith Carman/for Metro Canada

Justin Nozuka

Album: You I Wind Land and Sea

Label: Glassnote/Warner

Rating: ⊙⊙⊙⊙⊙

IF YOU LIKE your music soft and sensitive then you'll enjoy Toronto's Justin Nozuka. The singer-songwriter trades in mostly quiet, acoustic love songs, which isn't the most exciting genre, but his smooth John Mayer-meets-Adam Levine-like voice propels this above his competition. This is mostly a straight

EIGHT PEOPLE

IN a Canadian band equals the next Broken Social

Scene, right? Nope. Not this time. Library Voices is a wonderful rock group from Regina who plays clean, bouncy pop along the lines of The New Pornographers. Their debut is a solid listen, filled with catchy harmonies, electro flourishes and powerful vocals from singer Carl Johnson. There's a reason this band is getting a lot of buzz — their songs are simple, easy to sing to and sound great at a party. They're still a young band and it shows — the production needs work and the songwriting could be stronger, but this is definitely an act to watch.

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Weisz pick for Jackie

The hot spec script Jackie, about the immediate days following President Kennedy's assassination, is getting the big screen treatment with Academy-Award winning actress Rachel Weisz now attached to play the late first lady. **EW.COM**



Cable networks catching up

Conan's move to TBS latest example of growing trend

If you believe the headlines, Conan O'Brien's decision to sign with cable's TBS is "shocking."

Really, though, only Fox should be shocked — at how O'Brien was spirited away at a time the network acted like it had little competition for the late-night comic's services. It's another example of how cable networks, while not quite on par with broadcasters, are getting closer every day.

"I certainly don't think anybody going to cable today is shocking," said Michele Ganeless, Comedy Central's executive vice-president and general manager.

"Whether it's comedy or drama, cable has been leading the way over the last five years."

As a cable guy, O'Brien has plenty of company. Oprah Winfrey is starting her own network, ending her broadcast show and committing to appearances at her place. Sarah Palin has programs at both



TV host Conan O'Brien has surprised the entertainment industry by signing a deal for a show with cable network TBS.

Fox News Channel and Discovery. The college football national championship is moving to cable.

The phrases "broadcast network" and "cable network" are swiftly becoming

an anachronism.

Less than 10 per cent of American homes received TV signals by broadcast in February, or 11.1 million, the Nielsen Co. said. In 1999, a quarter of Ameri-

can homes were broadcast homes, and had no access to TBS, USA, TLC and 24-hour news.

Now, TBS is seen in more than 100 million of the nation's 114.9 million television homes. Given the trouble that some Fox affiliates were having in clearing time for him all across the country, O'Brien may debut before more people next fall on TBS than he would have at Fox.

"There is no broadcast-versus-cable war anymore," said TBS President Steve Koonin. "It only exists in the minds of the advertisers. This will be the third year that Koonin tells advertisers about his fall schedule during the same May week that has traditionally been set aside for the broadcasters. His message is plain: Treat us equally."

"Cable has had parity in late-night for a while," said television analyst Steven Sternberg. "It just hasn't had it in the press."

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Entertainment in brief

FILM RIGHTS Columbia Pictures has bought the English-language movie rights to the popular Millennium trilogy by late crime novelist Stieg

Larsson, a Swedish film production company said Wednesday. More than 12 million copies of Larsson's trilogy have been sold globally. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Love wants Gosling to play Cobain

PRODUCTION Courtney Love says the rumours that Twilight star Robert Pattinson has been handpicked to play Kurt Cobain in an upcoming biopic are silly and stupid.

But in an interview, Love said she can imagine Canadian actor Ryan Gosling in the role of her late husband. She said she could also see Scottish actor James McAvoy playing the part of Cobain, the frontman of the seminal grunge band Nirvana.

Love says she will likely never see the film — which is still in its embryonic production stages — because it would be too difficult to sit through.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Octomom to appear on Oprah

TV Nadya Suleman's attorney says the octuplets' mother will appear on The Oprah Winfrey Show next week and discuss how she is raising her 14 kids. Jeff Czech told the Orange County Register on Tuesday that Oprah sent a TV crew to film at Suleman's La Habra home last week.

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	522	506	55	HIS	Ice Road Truckers (HDTV)	Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV)	Science du combat (HDTV)	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) (N)	Prime Time			
	129	773	60	BVO	Biographies Teri Hatcher	On the Buses	The Good Life	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) (N)	Prime Time			
	261	394	61	V	Murder, She Wrote	Love It or List It	Call of the Wild "Betrayal"	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) (N)	Prime Time			
	602	567	62	W	Supernanny	Call of the Wild "Betrayal"	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) (N)	Prime Time			
	269	530	70	APTN	Wopos Bay	By the Rapids	HEAT, McEwan	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) (N)	Prime Time			
	621	527	71	TLC	Look-A-Like	TMZ	HEAT, McEwan	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) (N)	Prime Time			
	603	561	95	FN	Ricardo	Chuck-Day Off	HEAT, McEwan	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) (N)	Prime Time			

critics'corner

Eighteen On his 18th birthday, a young runaway (Paul Anthony) hears a tape from his grandfather recounting the day he turned 18 in the Second World War. Flashbacks to Grandpa's flight through French woods, with a wounded buddy in tow and the Germans on his heels, are interspersed with his grandson's wanderings through the city with his own buddy, a gay street hustler (Brendan Fletcher). That's Ian McKellen supplying the grandfather's voice. Alan Cumming also stars. 9 PM on 40 BVO



CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

When Hodges and Wendy (Wallace Langham, Liz Vassey) take a group of CSI Explorer Scouts from a local high school on a field trip, they can't help embellishing the roles they play in solving cases and wind up taking the assignment too far. Lucas Grabeel ("High School Musical") and Sheeri Rappaport guest star in the new episode "Field Mice." 9 PM on 13 CBS 3 CTV

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Rooted in its neighbourly Hintonburg setting sits Allium, a casual bistro classically seasoned with French touches. The menu changes regularly, and we had a taste of Chef Arup Jana's spring dishes.

First up was Scallop Crudo (\$12). So many in-

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triguing flavours were sprinkled on this plate that I had to retrieve the menu just to deconstruct it. A crudo means raw fish, and these scallops were freshly flown in from the sea. They were sitting on a bed of smoked sliced potatoes, which were interesting after one bite but overpowering after several.

A classic at any bistro is the Steak Frites (\$23), and this one gave the other

diners dish envy. The garlic-infused aioli was the condiment of choice for the nicely browned fries and became a dip for another dish, the marginally pleasing Wild Boar Duo (\$32) with its large side of uninteresting white beans. The Cast Iron Roasted Halibut (\$30) was lightly coated with toasted almonds, but the lemon basil butter sauce was sparse and the garnish of mussels tasted unpleasantly fishy.

Many dishes at Allium, it seems, are sprinkled with shiso, a herb from the mint family. Even dessert. The Lemon Tart (\$8) was puckery with a brilliant



Wild Boar Duo (\$32).

brûlée on top and a sweet shortbread crust on bottom along with a perfect

scoop of Pascale's home-made vanilla ice cream on the side.

Allium remains a comforting bistro that needs a just a dash of consistency.

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Following a popular trend in media for *au naturel* photography, UK's Daily Mail reports that Britney Spears has allowed her recent photo shoot for Candie's to be released — untouched, popeater.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Celebrity Buzz

Not mastering marriage

BUT HE'S TAKE A SWING AT PARRING THINGS UP SINCE HE'S ALREADY USED HIS MULLIGAN. YEAH, I WENT THERE He's gone to rehab and resumed his golf career, but Tiger Woods' marriage is as wobbly as ever sources are saying. People magazine reports.

The magazine notes Woods' wife Elin Nordegren skipped the golf star's big comeback at the Masters and was described as disgusted and outraged by his Nike commercial featuring a voiceover by his late father.

After Woods finished the tournament, coming in fourth, Nordegren flew out of Florida without her husband and their two children — they were left with nannies — for a destination unknown, friends say.

"Elin was violently angry over this com-

mercial and thought it was a cheesy thing to do," one friend tells People.

"She wouldn't have gone near the Masters under any condition, but that just made her madder. She is over Tiger. I wouldn't be surprised if she files for divorce sometime soon."

So far, though, it's only been talk among friends, the magazine adds. No legal papers have been filed, and it hasn't even been confirmed that she's retained a divorce attorney.

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Touching Heidi's heinie?

OF COURSE HE DIDN'T! HE HAS A SILICONE ALLERGY Lauren Conrad is dismissing an Internet report alleging that Hills creator Adam DiVello sexually harassed Heidi Montag, usmagazine.com reports.

"Similar to most of my fellow MTV cast mates, I am in utter shock at the allegations made against Adam DiVello," she tells the website in a statement.

"Not only are they completely absurd, but they are 100 per cent without merit. Adam is a true pro-

fessional and a wonderful person to work for."

Citing multiple sources, celeb blogger Perez Hilton wrote Tuesday that DiVello allegedly touched Montag, 23, inappropriately on her buttocks and "lower back" after she underwent her 10 cosmetic procedures.

Montag and her husband Spencer Pratt "are very close to bringing legal action against

the show," an insider told Hilton.

Sources also told Hilton that DiVello allegedly made inappropriate advances toward Lauren Conrad, which Conrad, 24, denies.

An MTV spokesperson tells Us: "We have looked into this matter and the allegations made against Adam DiVello are completely false and without merit"

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No Prada just a wedding dress

NEXT TIME SKIP THE WEDDING AND GO WITH THE PRADA. YOU COULD ALWAYS SELL IT AND PAY FOR A WEDDING LATER The Office star John Krasinski and fiancée Emily Blunt will be tying the knot a lot sooner than many thought, as the Devil Wears Prada star is reportedly putting the

finishing touches on their ceremony plans, according to Hollyscoop.

"They'll get married in about a

month. She is planning the wedding right now and is down to the last-minute details. They picked up their wedding bands yesterday," a source says.

The only question remaining, apparently, is where the wedding will take place.

"It will be a big wedding, probably in London or Los Angeles."

METRO WORLD NEWS



The proof is in the pouf

She may be the self-proclaimed "Queen of Reality" but even Jersey Shore's Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi must admit that it's her hair that's become biggest star of them all, people.com reports.

In a new video promoting Pantene's World's First Reality Hair Star competition — where one winner will star in the company's first live commercial in May — the outspoken 22-year-old flaunts her dark locks while explaining just why her long tresses reign supreme.

"I have

the greatest hair ever. It's thick, it's naturally straight and I can pretty much do whatever I want to it," she says. "My hair can have its own TV show." The petite reality star even demonstrates the veracity of her signature hair pouf by clipping a mound of hair into a towering bob.

"It's real, there's no extensions, sweeties," she explains, then adds: "Every girl's trying to do the pouf and they can't because it's my pouf!"

METRO WORLD NEWS



Taking to the stage (school)

HER DAD'S A DANCER, HER MOM'S AN POP IDOL, WEIRD THAT SHE WANTS TO PERFORM TOO Madonna's daughter has enrolled in a prestigious New York stage school, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Lourdes — the singer's 13-year-old child with fitness trainer Carlos Leon — currently takes acting classes in Manhattan, but is now said to have

auditioned for LaGuardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Arts, which is dubbed the "Fame school" due to its appearance in the movie Fame.

However, some students at the school are concerned the singer's daughter is getting preferential treatment by having a private audition, rather than the usual public one.

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Rekindling old flames?

OR JUST STOKING THE PR FIRE? Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel's notoriously on-and-off relationship is once again on the rocks as the singer cozies up to ex Cameron Diaz while shooting the romantic comedy Bad Teacher, reports Us Weekly.

Multiple sources tell Us Weekly that Diaz, 37, and Timberlake, 29, flirt openly on the Valencia, Calif., set. While shooting,

it's like "old times" for Timberlake and Diaz, who dated for four years before he began romancing Biel, 28, in 2007, a pal tells Us Weekly.

There's "lots of laughing, making fun of each other, kidding around off camera," the source says. "She's sassy with him — and slick, prancing around in tight clothes."

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Tweeting his harsh words

SORRY, MEANT EATING HIS HARSH WORDS After causing a stir with his Twitter comments, about Tiger Woods and his wife, Jim Carrey issued a mea culpa of sorts to his fans and followers, tvguide.com reports.

"To anyone whose grievances have chosen me as their cause, I would say first, that I recognize that tendency in myself, but if you knew me well, you'd see that your resentment has been misplaced. I wish every human being nothing but love and immeasurable happiness," Carrey said in a statement Tuesday.

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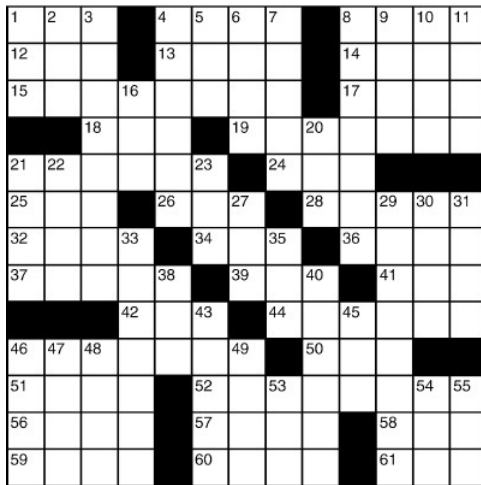


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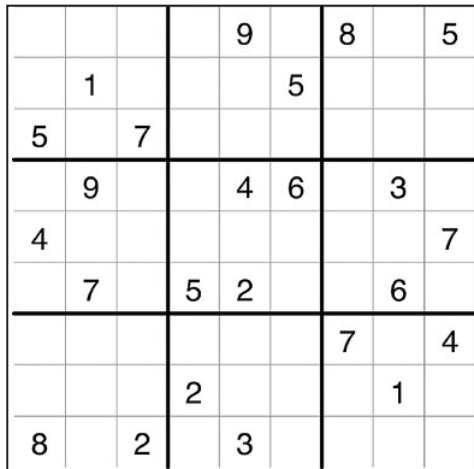
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ACROSS

- 1 In need of repair
- 4 Used a loom
- 8 Parisian pals
- 12 Prepare Easter eggs
- 13 Help a hood
- 14 Aching
- 15 Raze
- 17 No mere prank
- 18 Pussycat's partner
- 19 Cause for revolution
- 21 Hosts
- 24 "Pink Panther" actor Herbert
- 25 Evergreen variety
- 26 Jerry's pursuer
- 28 Moistened with drops
- 32 Snare
- 34 Violinist's need
- 36 Ms. Moore
- 37 Arrangement
- 39 Memorized
- 41 Cambridge sch.

- 42 Elmer, to Bugs
- 44 Getaway spot
- 46 Preps
- 50 Enthusiast
- 51 Needle case
- 52 Portray as satanic
- 56 Deserve
- 57 Culture medium
- 58 "— the ramparts ..."
- 59 Banner
- 60 Deteriorates
- 61 Opp. of pos.

DOWN

- 1 Peculiar
- 2 Caustic solution
- 3 Barack Obama, e.g.
- 4 Billfold
- 5 Japanese sash
- 6 Third piece?
- 7 — alcohol
- 8 Guilt-ridden
- 9 July 1969 landing site
- 10 Dr. Seuss' "If — the Zoo"
- 11 Alluring
- 16 Have debts
- 20 Filch

- 21 Small salamanders
- 22 Spongy terrain
- 23 Weep loudly
- 27 Broom closet item
- 29 Loss of a stripe
- 30 Eastern bigwig
- 31 Skater Katarina
- 33 Creamy dessert
- 35 Kids' card game
- 38 Luau bowlful
- 40 Famed operatic trio
- 43 Fragrant wood
- 45 Baltimore newspaper
- 46 Coral structure
- 47 Common pc. of Latin
- 48 Emanation
- 49 Lily variety
- 53 Wrestling wrestler
- 54 Last letter
- 55 Work unit

Metro Recipe of the Day



Parmesan Crusted Chicken

Submitted by Paula Bowman

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 egg whites, lightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 4 (6-7oz) skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 2 cups finely grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, chopped

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler to high and set oven rack to top position. Lightly oil a rimmed sheet pan with olive oil and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, mix egg whites with Dijon mustard and set aside. Place chicken breasts on a cutting board. With a knife parallel to the cutting board, cut chicken breasts in half lengthwise to create two thin chicken

breast cutlets. Working with one cutlet at a time, dip chicken into egg white mixture and then coat in Parmesan cheese and place on prepared sheet pan.

3. Broil chicken breasts until crunchy and golden on one side, flip over and continue to cook on other side until cooked through, about 4 minutes per side. Toss carrots with walnuts just before serving. Divide chicken cutlets and carrot mixture among four plates and serve with any remaining broth from pan.

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LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Try not to take your fears too seriously. This is only a passing phase so, let it pass.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

If you come on too strong today you will almost certainly turn people against you. Get the balance right.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

You don't have to sacrifice pleasure for duty today but if you do you will feel good about yourself.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Set yourself targets that are easy to reach. You may think you can do anything but it won't be that easy today.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

If you try to fit in with others' ideas of how you should behave there will be disappointment all round.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

The reason you have lost interest in something is because your attitude towards it has changed. Help others see it too

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

This is not a good day to say or do anything that might upset people who are important to you, either in a personal or a professional sense.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

There may be a thousand and one things you want to do but your time and your energy are limited, so don't overdo it.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

If you come on too strong with your opinions today you will merely succeed in making other people hold on more tightly to their own.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

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